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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b), the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A (2 sheets, submitted in duplicate) are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. This IDS is being filed before the mailing of a first office action on the merits. In accordance with CFR § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Copies of the identified references are enclosed as necessary. Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent references are not provided.

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, applicant requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A.

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